



BRATTLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Notes from the Annual Village meeting held at the BSA Village Hall on Monday 22nd May 2022 7.30 pm

Chair: Mr S Morris (Chair of the Parish Council)
Minute taker: Mr David Wright (Parish Councillor)
Also present: 27 members of the public.

1 Apologies.

Mr Trevor Hodgkiss; Mr Mike & Anne Spencer; Mr Peter & Jackie Strange; Dr Hilary Morris.

2 Declarations of interest and dispensations

There were none.

3 Chairman's Introduction

Stephen Morris, the new chair of the Parish Council introduced himself and also the recently elected members of the council including Mr Mark Blackburn; Mrs Lynne Doyle; Mrs Pam Watson; Mr David Wright.

Mr Morris commented that the parish council had undergone some change in the year with the retirement of the long standing chair Mr Mike Spencer and Mr Jerry Scott briefly standing in as chair until the May elections. These changes had created a level of disruption but it was good to see the council back up to five members – the first time for several years. Mr Morris formally thanked Mr Spencer and Mr Scott for their many years of service to the village.

4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th May 2022 were available and considered a valid record of the previous meeting and were signed as minutes.

5 Matters Arising

- **Paddock** overgrown - Mr Morris reported that the contractor who cut the paddock had been asked to cut as close to the trees as possible. Additional investigation into tree management on the paddock was taking place, and funds were now available to undertake necessary works.
- **Dog Bin** on Back lane/East lane Footpath – there was no clear need for this and the post would be removed
- **RAF Scampton** – the situation was in a state of chaos with no information available from the Home Office who were being largely unhelpful and not engaging with the local communities, the district council nor local MPs.
- **Traffic & Traffic Calming** – Mr Stephen Morris and Mr Mark Blackburn had now received training for community speed watch (equipment shared with Scampton). Further sessions on the were planned on the B1398.
- The Chair reported that an ARCHER speed survey had been completed in January. The recording device was a hidden black box located on the telegraph post opposite Back Lane. This showed that 95% of drivers were in compliance with the 40 mph speed limit. This statistic wasn't helpful in supporting an argument to Highways for reducing the speed limit.
- The Chair had also requested County Councillor Richard Boothroyd investigate potential for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the village and Back Lane which may provide further opportunity to reduce speeding. Mr Boothroyd would be invited to the next parish council meeting.

- **Village Gates** – this and further speed signs were on the council's task list
- **Village News** – Mr Hunt has been publishing a village newsletter and new councillors Mrs Lynne Doyle and Mrs Pam Watson have been very active in promoting the village picnic

6 Any other Business

- **Water Pump** – this would be painted during the summer
- **Cut-out Policemen** - Mr Blackburn reported that there was evidence from other police forces that these result in at least a 10% drop in speed and even after 2 weeks of being placed in the same spot still prove effective. There were mixed views on the balance of speed and increased roadside furniture. Potentially they could be used at irregular intervals.
- **Black & White Bollards** – a number of these up towards the north layby had been knocked over. It was queried why these were needed at all as parking on verges unlikely this point.
- **Back Lane Traffic** – Speeding on back lane was becoming a problem especially with delivery drivers. Damage to verges was also an issue. Options from the floor included a 20mph speed limit; Access only signs; Weigh limit or making the road one way. Thoughts would be taken forward by the Parish Council including further engagement with Highways
- **7000 Acres** – The Chair reported that this solar farm lobbying group were asking all parish councils in the area to support their lobbying activity to stop/reduce solar development on farmland in the area. The view of the meeting was that solar was good on roofs, brownfield sites but shouldn't be developed on productive farmland and supported the Parish Council to in turn support 7000 Acres – particularly given the cumulative impact of the various schemes.
- **Telephone Box** – Trevor Hodgkiss and John Lambert were thanked for the repainting of the telephone box. The question of ongoing use was discussed including having a map of the village with house names. An alternative thought was that this was better located on the notice board in the bus shelter. A LIVES map had been produced previously and may still be available.
- **Defibrillator** – it was suggested that the location of the defibrillator wasn't obvious, and that a proper box with combination number should be considered. Signage may assist. The subject of training was also raised. Training for residents had been provided some years ago by St John's and it was suggested that LIVES also provided training. The parish Council would take this forward.
- **Bus Shelter** -Maintenance was an ongoing issue and needed more proactive management. Improvements to the notice boards would be welcomed.
- **Hedgerows** – some hedges were overgrowing pavements and footpaths. Landowners/residents needed to be encouraged to properly maintain these
- **St Cuthbert's** – A member of the village Church Committee raised the question of more village support to preserve the Church and its place and function in the village. There was general support, but recognition that the BSA Hall was a very suitable venue for village meetings/events etc. and that the Church was not presently well designed for general community use nor had the required resources of toilets etc. This may change in the future.
- **Light Pollution**- this remained an increasing issue as more residents installed outside lighting that was left on "permanently" at night. The question of how to address the problem was discussed including more information on the impacts for nature and residents. Ultimately there could be an issue of nuisance, but education/information was seen as the first step.

12 Meeting Close

The meeting came to a formal close at 8:45 PM

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